JOSEPH REYNOLDS HOUSE

956 Hope Street, Bristol

Built between 1698 and 1700, this frame house is a fine example of the transition from 17th-century design and building practices to those of the 18th. It may be the earliest wooden structure of its form extant in New England. Exposed internal structural members are cased, and there is a wealth of robust early paneling. In addition to its architectural distinction, the house has historical associations; it served as Lafayette's headquarters in September 1778 when he was quartered in Bristol.